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TAGS: PTER PBTS PHSA MOPS AE

SUBJECT: UAE REACTION TO PIRACY CONTACT GROUP

Refs: A) STATE 133199, B) ABU DHABI 1419, C) ABU DHABI 1405

Classified by Charge Doug Greene, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Ambassador reviewed ref A plans for a contact group meeting on piracy with Foreign Minister Abdullah bin Zayed (AbZ) December 21. The Minister requested that the dates be cited in a formal diplomatic note (which Post sent December 22). Acknowledging the January 13-14 invitation to the contact group in New York, AbZ said the UAE sought to make a "maritime" contribution to the anti-piracy effort as opposed to participation with ground troops in Somalia, partly due to potentially expanded land force operations in Afghanistan. These points match generally with Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed (MbZ's) suggested contribution of "a ship" on December 14 (ref B). The nature of any naval deployment remains under discussion within the UAEG.

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